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Note verbale dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

1. The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, in accordance with article IV, paragraph 2, of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space* (hereinafter referred to as the "Registratio n Convention"), has the honour to transmit additional information concerning the following space objects carried on the register of space objects of the United Kingdom:

(a) AsiaSat-1 (international designation 1990-030A), a telecommunications satellite launched o n 7 April 1990 from Xichang, China, details of which were transmitted to the Secretary-General by a note verbal e dated 15 May 1990 (ST/SG/SER.E/222).

(b) APSTAR-I (international designation 1994-043A) and AsiaSat -2 (international designation 1995-064A), telecommunications satellites launched on 21 July 1994 and 28 November 1995, respectively, from Xichang, China, details of which were transmitted to the Secretary-General by a note verbale dated 23 January 199 6 (ST/SG/SER.E/300 and Corr.1);

(c) APSTAR-IA (international designation 1996-039A), a telecommunications satellite launched o n 3 July 1996 from Xichang, China, details of which were transmitted to the Secretary-General by a letter dated 21 October 1996 (ST/SG/SER.E/316).

*General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.

2. With effect from 1 July 1997, the space objects mentioned above ceased to be carried on the Register of Space Objects of the United Kingdom. Therefore, on that date the United Kingdom ceased to be the State of registry of those space objects for the purposes of the Registration Convention and article VIII of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.* Please amend accordingly the Register of Space Objects maintained by the Secretary-General in accordance with article III of the Registration Convention.

*General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex, of 19 December 1966.